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Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, a response to the election/restriction is as follows.

Applicants respectfully elect the embodiment of the optical head that is contained in Species A, which is drawn to Figures 1-4G, Claims 1-4 and 5. Applicants respectfully elect the embodiment of the near field apparatus contained in Species A, which is drawn to Figure 10, Claims 22-35.

Applicants withdraw the other species, optical head species B-F and near-field apparatus species B-E, from prosecution without prejudice.